<u>REMARKS</u>

This is a full and timely response to the final Official Action mailed May 19, 2004 (Paper No. 7) and the Advisory Action of October 6, 2004. A petition and the requisite fee are filed herewith to extend the period to respond to the final Office Action by three months. Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 1-41 and 44-51 are cancelled. Claims 42 and 43 are amended into independent form without any change in scope or language. Thus, claims 42 and 43 are currently pending for further action upon entry of this amendment.

The final Office Action indicates the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 42 and 43. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 42 and 43 were presented in independent form in a previous, first after-final amendment. In the subsequent Advisory Action of October 6, 2004, the Examiner stated that claims 42 and 43 in independent form would be allowable if submitted in a separate amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Consequently, Applicant has filed the present amendment in which claims 42 and 43 are again presented in amended, independent form and all other claims are cancelled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, the present application should be in clear condition for allowance based on the position of the Office given in the Advisory Action of October 6, 2004.

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The cancellation herein of claims 1-41 and 44-51 is without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file divisional or continuation applications to the cancelled claims or to any other subject matter disclosed in the present patent application.

Entry and consideration of this amendment are proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 for at least the following reasons. The present amendment amends two formerly dependent claims to present those claims in independent form and cancels all other claims. The amendment does not raise new issues requiring further search or consideration. And, the amendment places the application in clear condition for allowance as suggested by the Examiner in the Advisory Action of October 6, 2004. Therefore, entry of the present amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 116 and is hereby requested.

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For the foregoing reasons, the present application is thought to be clearly in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application in light of these remarks is courteously solicited. If any fees are owed in connection with this paper which have not been elsewhere authorized, authorization is hereby given to charge those fees to Deposit Account 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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